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SUBJECT: JCIC-XXXIII: (U) RUSSIAN OPENING PLENARY
STATEMENT, NOVEMBER 13, 2008

Classified By: Jerry A. Taylor, United States Representative
to the Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission.
Reasons: 1.4(b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (U) This is JCIC-XXXIII-007.

[1](#)2. (U) At paragraph 3 below is the official translation of
the text of the Russian Statement that was delivered at the
Opening Plenary Meeting of the Thirty-third Session of the
START Treaty's Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission
(JCIC), held at the U.S. Mission on November 13, 2008.

[1](#)3. (S) Begin text:

Official Translation

JCIC-XXXIII
Plenary Meeting
November 13, 2008

STATEMENT
by the Representative of the Russian Federation

Esteemed Colleagues,

On behalf of the Russian Delegation, allow me to greet
the Belarusian, Kazakhstani, U.S., and Ukrainian Delegations
at the opening of the Thirty-third Session of the Joint
Compliance and Inspection Commission.

I want to express the hope that the productive work at
previous sessions of the Commission will continue at this
round of negotiations and that the sides will be able to move
forward in resolving the existing problems.

As we agreed in July of this year at JCIC-XXXII, the
meeting of the Parties provided for in paragraph 2 of Article
XVII of the Treaty will be held within the framework of this
session of the Commission. In this connection, regardless of
the results of that meeting, a great deal needs to be done

during the time remaining before December 5, 2009.

I will emphasize that the Russian side did a good deal of homework during the intersessional period (as the U.S. Delegation traditionally urges us to do) and provided a number of documents to the U.S. through diplomatic channels. Specifically, these include detailed rationale for the Russian concerns regarding the problem of conversion of B-1 heavy bombers to carry non-nuclear armaments; an assessment of the activities at Courtland; and the issue of redeclaration of 50 Peacekeeper ICBM silo launchers as Minuteman III ICBM launchers. Regrettably, we did not receive any response to these documents. We look forward to substantive consideration of these issues at this session, and we hope that the U.S. side is interested in their earliest resolution.

We note the important work done by the U.S. side during the intersessional period on preparing the drafts of a JCIC Agreement and letters of exchange governing the completion of continuous monitoring activities at Votkinsk. These documents were received through diplomatic channels on October 31, 2008, and are currently being studied in detail by the relevant agencies. We are prepared to continue the dialogue on this subject and we believe that a good foundation has been laid for finalizing the relevant accord.

We also hope to receive a response from the U.S. side to the Russian proposals on conducting a one-time demonstration of the front section of the Minuteman III ICBM. Arrangement of such a demonstration would help to achieve the objectives of reentry vehicle inspections for missiles of this type.

We are also prepared to discuss the issues tabled by Ukraine.

We have provided all the delegations with proposals on the procedure for considering the issues that the Parties have placed on the agenda of this session. We will have to work hard during the relatively short period allotted for our meeting in Geneva.

On behalf of the Russian Delegation, I want to wish everyone successful and productive work.

End text.

14. (U) Taylor sends.
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